

CLAIMS

1. A copier including :
 - a scanner for scanning a document which may contain both document content
 - 5 and first coded data indicative of an identity of the document and enabling formation of a digital image of the document;
 - a detector for detecting if the document contains said first coded data;
 - a printer adapted for printing a copy of the printed document and for incorporating in said printed copy second coded data indicative of an identity of the
 - 10 copy.
2. A copier according to claim 1 further including a network interface for transmitting to a computer system data indicative of said first coded data and for receiving from said computer system response data indicative of an identity of the copy.
- 15 3. A copier according to claim 2 further including a coded data generator adapted to generate said second coded data from said response data.
4. A copier according to claim 1 wherein said copier is adapted to communicate
- 20 with a server for allocating a unique identifier to each copy.
5. A copier according to claim 4 wherein data indicative of said unique identifier is incorporated into said second coded data and is printed in said printed copy.
- 25 6. A copier according to claim 1 wherein said second coded data is indicative of a plurality of reference points on said copy, the second coded data being printed to be readable by a sensing device operated by a user in order to identify the position of the sensing device relative to the copy.
- 30 7. A copier according to claim 2 further adapted to transmit through said network interface second document data representing said copy of the document to enable said second document data to be stored.

8. A copier according to claim 7 wherein said second document data can be retrieved through said network interface to enable reproduction of said copy with both document content and coded data.

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